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January 26, 2024

Via ECF

Hon. P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Court Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

***Re: United States v. Mauricio Hernandez Pineda, et al., 15 Cr. 379 (PKC)***

Dear Judge Castel:

Richard Ma, Esq., Ken Womble, Esq. and I represent defendant Mauricio Hernandez Pineda on the above referenced matter, having been appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. On April 1, 2023, I was initially appointed to the case as a mentee in the SDNY CJA Mentoring Program at the rate of \$103 per hour. However, on January 1, 2024, I was appointed to the CJA Panel in the Southern District. With this development, I respectfully request to raise my current payment rate to the full CJA rate of \$172.00 per hour, nunc pro tunc, to January 1, 2024.

The Court's time and attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cory Garcia*  
Cory Garcia, Esq.

Application GRANTED nunc pro tunc to January 1, 2024.  
SO ORDERED.  
Dated: 1/29/2024

*P. Kevin Castel*  
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United States District Judge